Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 11 to 14 are added as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A method for controlling the speed of a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

changing a desired value for said speed by actuating an operator-controlled element; and,

adjusting the extent of the change of said desired value in dependence upon at least one piece of data as to the instantaneous driving situation of said vehicle.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said instantaneous driving situation is defined by the instantaneous location of said vehicle.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said instantaneous driving situation is defined by the roadway over which said vehicle is instantaneously traveling.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said instantaneous driving situation is defined by the instantaneous actual speed of said vehicle.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein various extents of the change of said desired value are assigned to different speed ranges.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the extent of the change of said desired value is pregiven at an operator-controlled element for different driving situations.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the extent of the change of said desired value is changed by means of a hysteresis in dependence upon the instantaneous driving situation.

8. (Original) An arrangement for controlling the speed of a vehicle, the arrangement comprising:

an operator-controlled element for changing a desired value for said speed;

means for detecting at least one piece of data as to an instantaneous driving situation of said vehicle; and,

an evaluation unit for adjusting the extent of the change of said desired value in dependence upon said at least one piece of data as to said instantaneous driving situation of said vehicle.

9. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 8, wherein said operator-controlled element is a steering column lever.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said operator-controlled element is a steering column lever.

11. (New) A method for controlling the speed of a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting a pregiven step width for changing a desired value of said speed in dependence upon the instantaneous actual speed of said vehicle; and,

changing said desired value for said speed by said pregiven step width with a one-time actuation of an operator-controlled element.

12. (New) A method for controlling the speed of a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting a pregiven step width for changing a desired value of said speed in dependence upon the permissible highest speed of the roadway then being traveled over by said vehicle; and,

changing said desired value for said speed by said pregiven step width with a one-time actuation of an operator-controlled element.

13. (New) An arrangement for controlling the speed of a vehicle, the arrangement comprising:

an operator-controlled element for changing a desired value for said speed by a pregiven step width with a one-time actuation of said operator-controlled element;

means for detecting one of the instantaneous actual speed of said vehicle and the permissible highest speed of the roadway then being traveled over by said vehicle; and,

an evaluation unit for inputting said pregiven step width in dependence upon the instantaneous actual speed of said vehicle.

14. (New) An arrangement for controlling the speed of a vehicle, the arrangement comprising:

an operator-controlled element for changing a desired value for said speed by a pregiven step width with a one-time actuation of said operator-controlled element;

means for detecting one of the instantaneous actual speed of said vehicle and the permissible highest speed of the roadway then being traveled over by said vehicle; and,

an evaluation unit for inputting said pregiven step width in dependence upon the permissible highest speed of the roadway then being traveled over by said vehicle.